

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and members, LB 176 amends the definition of prostitution by changing the reference to sexual penetration from 28-318.5 to 28-318.6, and the rationale, the crime of prostitution is defined as agreeing to perform any act of sexual penetration for money or other things of value. However, 28-318.5 does not define sexual penetration, rather subsection (6) does. LB 176 would correct this reference error. It apparently stems from the 1984 LB 79 which added the definition of past sexual behavior and renumbered the remaining subsections. Unfortunately, the prostitution statute was not changed to reflect this. This was brought to me by the county attorneys and I would move for its advancement.

PRESIDENT: No further discussion, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 176.

PRESIDENT: LB 176 advances. LB 110.

CLERK: LB 110 was introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no committee amendments at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 110 is a bill I brought in this year with bipartisan support. It is supported by the Nebraska Republican Party, the Nebraska Democratic Party, and also by the Nebraska Association of Public Employees. It repeals a portion of Nebraska's statute that prohibits public employees from holding offices in political parties. To understand why that provision got there, we have to go back in history just a little ways. Back around to the turn of the century, we had the era of civil service reform away from the era and days of machine politics, when an individual would get elected, they would throw out all of the current officeholders and replace them with their political supporters. In order to get a more professional work force in government, we adopted civil service proceedings. One of the protections